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LETTER DATED 18 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated today, from my Minister for Foreign Affairs addressed to you (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIĆ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 18 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to my letter dated 14 August 1995 (S/1995/690, annex), I regret to inform you that the ethnic cleansing being carried out by Pale's authorities of Muslim, Croat, Gypsy and other non-Serb civilians in Banja Luka not only continues but has intensified. Over the past days, the number of those forcibly expelled has reached roughly 1,500 per day. We remind United Nations authorities that violence, torture, rape and murder are being perpetrated with impunity in this latest wave of forced expulsion and terror.

Regrettably, despite Security Council resolution 941 (1994), the Geneva and Genocide Conventions, and numerous appeals made by my own and other Governments, the United Nations has taken neither adequate nor effective measures to halt or at least curtail these widespread and obvious human rights abuses. We applaud United Nations authorities for their swift and comprehensive response to the plight of Serb refugees freely departing with fully loaded vehicles from the so-called Krajina region, but are disheartened that not even a fraction of this response could be mustered for the refugees forcibly expelled with little more than plastic bags from Banja Luka.

We reiterate the necessity of heightening the presence of United Nations and non-governmental organizations personnel who can minimize suffering and human rights abuses; appointing a new special rapporteur, who should as a first priority report on the situation in Banja Luka; and reiterating in the most direct terms the personal responsibility of those responsible for violations of human rights and of the Geneva and Genocide Conventions.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Minister